

WEST SUSSEX (SOUTHERN) COMBINED SANITARY DISTRICT

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Gentlemen,

Annual Report 1940

Acting on the instructions contained in Circulars 2134 and 2067 in which it states that reports should be confined to essential and urgent matters which have affected the public health during the year, especially any matters arising from or connected with the War, outbreaks of infectious disease and measures for maternity and child welfare, together with any exceptional administrative measures taken or recommended by the Medical Officer of Health, I beg to make the following observations.

STATISTICS 1940

	Chanctonbury R.D.	England & Wales
Birth Rate per 1000 population .....	13.2	14.6
Death Rate per 1000 population .....	11.2	14.3
Corrected Death Rate .....	9.04	-----
Infantile Mortality Rate per 1000 Births .....	44	55

The population as given by the Registrar General is 19,350. The factor for correction is 0.81 which gives a corrected Death Rate of 9.04.

EVACUATION

At the end of the year there were approximately 1,300 mothers and children in the District who had been evacuated from vulnerable areas. In addition there were 287 other evacuated persons in the District (blind persons, old age pensioners etc.) During the year 81 evacuee children received treatment at the Sick Bay, Storrington.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE

During the year the following cases of infectious disease were notified:

Scarlet Fever	39	(29 in 1939)
Diphtheria	5	(14 " " )
Pneumonia	19	(5 " " )
Tuberculosis	13	(17 " " )
Measles	47	
Whooping Cough	61	
Puerperal Pyrexia	3	
Erysipelas	4	

## HOUSING

Number of new houses erected during 1940:

By private enterprise	.....	12
By Local Authority	.....	Nil
Total No. of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health & Housing Act)	.....	442

No. of inspections made for the purpose	.....	1417
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No. of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous and injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation		Nil
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## BACTERIOLOGICAL SAMPLES OF MILK

	<u>No. of samples taken</u>	<u>No. complying with standard</u>	<u>No. failing to comply</u>
Accredited	3	3	-
Ordinary	6	5	1

## WATER

Regular routine samples of water from the public supplies at Storrington, Nutbourne, Washington, and Steyning and from the private supplies at North Stoke, Beeding and Wiston, were taken during the year and proved generally satisfactory.

## SANITARY INSPECTION

I have had complete reports from the Sanitary Inspectors, Mr. Brockway and Mr. Burrows as in former years, but as these are not required I do not think it is necessary to amplify any further beyond stating that Mr. Brockway made 3154 inspections as compared with 5495 in 1939, and that Mr. Burrows made 255 inspections in connection with buildings as compared with 852 in 1939.

## RECORDS

All records including statistics supplied by the Registrar General are being carefully preserved in order that after the termination of the War a report can be made dealing more fully with the period from the beginning of 1939 to the end of the last complete year, so that annual reports may as far as practicable be continuous and complete.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant

SIGNED R.H. Wilshaw

Medical Officer of Health.

To the Chairman and Members of the  
Chanctonbury Rural District Council.